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THE WEEKLY NEWS is the cheapest paper published in North Carolina. It is only one dollar per year, postage paid, contains 32 columns of plain printed news from every section of the country, and important advertisements. Always Cash.

We publish the proceedings of the Washington meeting, only omitting the eloquent remarks of Gen. Allen Rutherford which we are obliged to do from want of space.

By an omission, the members from Davidson county have not been designated with an asterisk, the distinctive mark of the Democrats in the tabular statement of the members of Convention. We make the correction and the amende.

MR. SPAKE HATH SPOKEN.

We are glad to learn from the Charlotte Observer that all doubts of the position of Mr. Spake are removed. The Republicans have claimed him. Mr. Spake is preparing a letter denouncing the report that he is a radical and announcing his determination to vote with the Democrats.

We copy elsewhere an article from the Charlotte Democrat advocating the removal of the disabilities of Gov. Holden. While we are not prepared to express decided opinions, yet the subject is one deserving sincere consideration. At a period when there is a general return to reconciliation and a desire to bury the memories of an unhappy past, it does not seem generous or wise to perpetuate a stigma upon one who was only the representative of an era that may never return.

The rights and powers of the State of North Carolina were fully vindicated by the results of the impeachment trial. It may be quite safe, as it certainly would be magnanimous to strike off the chains imposed by a righteous verdict, and to restore to equal liberty one who might yet prove a useful man in his native State.

THE EAST AND THE WEST.

The Wilmington Journal does justice to the West in its readiness to do justice to the East. Demagogues at all times have worked upon a supposed antagonism between the sections. Time and occasion have proved that none such really exist, but that each is ready to come up to the aid of the other in emergency, however much they may stand apart in indifferent matters.

The interests of the two are indissoluble in a material point of view. In a political sense, there never was a period when the Democrats of the East and the West, should better make common cause than at the present moment.

The Journal generously but justly exonerates the West from the failure of the East to obtain liberation from its grievances. It fixes fault nearer home.

THE WASHINGTON CITY MEETING.

We surrender much of our space to-day to the report, which we take from the National Republican, of the meeting held in Washington City in respect to the memory of the late Hon. W. A. Graham. We do so the more willingly because the proceedings were conducted exclusively by political opponents.

There are some characters, rare indeed, who by talent, personal worth, and purity of motive have the good fortune to extort respect and admiration even from enemies. Such a man was W. A. Graham, beloved by his friends, honored by his foes. But we would not detract from the honor due to the gentlemen who participated in the transactions of the meeting. Their bearing was mainly, generous and noble. In the asperities of political conflict, we do sometimes assume the

position that all in opposition to us are intolerant and ungenerous; we find it also necessary sometimes to modify this hasty harshness of judgment.

In the presence of death, and under the knowledge, that by Presidential decree, a really great and good man has been withdrawn from the guidance and counsel of a nation, all men think and act alike. The better traits of human nature are unmasked, and men stand face to face better and more generous than they supposed themselves to be.

We commend the report to our readers. It is a worthy tribute to the honored dead. It is an honorable memorial to the magnanimity of the participants in the meeting.

From National Republican with Aug. 18, 1876.

WILLIAM A. GRAHAM.

MEMORIAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

Gathering of Distinguished North Carolinians.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT AND CONDOLENCE.

THE EULOGIES MADE ON THE OCCASION.

Last Saturday afternoon citizens of North Carolina resident in Washington assembled at the house of Col. John H. Wheeler, Grant place, for the purpose of making a formal expression of their regret and sympathy for the death of William A. Graham, and to extend to his bereaved family the assurances of profound sympathy.

The meeting was called to order by Solicitor General Phillips, and on his motion, Col. John H. Wheeler was selected as chairman, with Mr. Daniel Coleman as secretary. On motion, Hon. Kenneth Rayner, Hon. John P. Pool, and S. E. Phillips were appointed by the chairman a committee on resolutions. The committee retired, and soon returned with the following, which were read by Mr. Pool:

Resolved, That intelligence of the death of William Alexander Graham has been received by the citizens and native sons of North Carolina now temporarily sojourning in Washington with regret and sorrow.

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THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA were proud of his standing and public reputation, but they were still prouder of him as a man. They have not claimed for him the highest order of ability and genius, but all will accord to him his high superior intellectual endowment, a mind carefully cultivated and trained, and stored with a vast and varied fund of learning. Others may have been more original and inventive in action, greater in achievement, but in his manliness and virtue he had no equal.

While his place in history may be among that most useful of all classes of statesmen, of whom it is said "necesse est hominibus," still there are few names in the annals of our country which deserve in a greater degree the respect and praise of the good and virtuous of mankind.

The maxim "necesse est hominibus" is a true one. It is a man of this public life. He was not a man to originate revolutions, nor to conduct them, nor to ride upon the storm. He leaned strongly to law and order, and his mind was not given to the full learning. Others may have been more original and inventive in action, greater in achievement, but in his manliness and virtue he had no equal.

Resolved, That in the devoted purity of his private life, the many dignities of his public position, and the nobleness of his sentiments and impulses, he set an example of greatness and virtue worthy the emulation of all men.

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with his bereaved family in their affliction, while we deplore the loss to the country of one of the greatest of citizens and purest of statesmen.

After reading the resolutions, ex-Senator Pool said:

Mr. Chairman: In presenting the resolutions prepared by the committee, I feel it proper that I add a few words on the occasion.

North Carolina has lost, in the death of the Hon. William A. Graham, the future counsel and services of one to whom her people have been accustomed to look with a faith and confidence accorded to no other man.

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